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Workers at Hill-Rom Company, Inc. Batesville Manufacturing Operation eligible for federal aid

INDIANAPOLIS (January 17, 2007) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled that former employees of Hill-Rom Company, Inc., Batesville Manufacturing Operation, are eligible to receive federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

The TAA program, which is administered at the state level by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, is made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country.

In order for dislocated workers to be eligible for TAA benefits, a company executive, union representative or three former employees must file a petition with the Department of Labor and it must be approved before benefits can be released. In response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of the workers, an investigation began on November 28, 2006. Workers produce hospital equipment (i.e. beds, stretchers, healthcare furniture, and gas delivery systems.)

The Department of Labor ruled that all workers of Hill-Rom Company, Inc., Batesville Manufacturing Operation, Batesville, Indiana who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 27, 2005 through December 27, 2008 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Additionally, the Department of Labor issued a certification for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for separated older workers at Hill-Rom Inc's Batesville Manufacturing Operation. It was found that a significant number of workers at the company age 50 or over possess skills that are not easily transferable and that competitive conditions within the industry are adverse. Older workers may choose between regular TAA benefits or a wage subsidy of 50% of the difference between their new salary and old salary, up to \$10,000.

The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for a variety of re-employment services, job search and relocation allowances and training. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Eligible parties may contact the following WorkOne centers:

WorkOne Lawrenceburg
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Lawrenceburg, IN. 47025
(812)537-1117

WorkOne Madison
620 Green Road
P.O. Box 1078
Madison, IN. 47250
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4555 Central Avenue
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